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SEF Clean and Green Kachho Drive-2019

"SEF Clean & Green Kachho Drive-2019" was successfully concluded at Irrigation Ground Johi, District Dadu on February 17, 2019. The drive was initiated by Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) and organized in collaboration with key stakeholders from government and private sector namely the Forest & Wildlife department, Local Government department, the Divisional and District Administration, the Gorakh Hills Development Authority, ENI Pakistan Ltd., Orient Petroleum (OPPL) Pvt Ltd., United Energy Pakistan (UEP) Pvt Ltd., and Mr M. Nawaz Khan Chairman Pak Green Foundation Mirpurkhas. The overarching aim of 'Clean and Green Kachho-Drive' was to create awareness on Education, Environment and Development for deepening its comprehension and strategic value, for not only protecting the habitat but also rejuvenating the environment for today and tomorrow.





Tableau performance by SAS Schools Students on "Clean and Green Environment"

The 3-day plantation drive was began on February 15, 2019 under the supervision of SEF regional team Dadu at Gorakh-Wahi Pandhi road. Partners, students, teachers, community members and civil society members enthusiastically participated in this historcial movement. On second day of drive, Managing Director, Ms Naheed S. Durrani joined the team and planted a tree at Johi- Chinni Road.

The plantation was extended to third day where, Mr Rafique Ahmed Jamali, Member of National Assembly, Ms Sajeela Leghari and Syed Ghulam Shah Jeelani, Members of Provincial Assembly planted trees at Johi-Gorakh Road. On the same day, a grand ceremony was organized where, in addition to all the above mentioned esteemed guests, thousands of audience representing Civil Society, Local Government, District Administration, School Partners, Teachers and Students attended the event. Students presented different performances followed by the speeches by honourable guests. Approximately 17,000 samplings of wide variety of trees including Neem trees, Lemon Tree, Cheeko Tree, Mango Tree, Berry plants and flowering plants were planted on selected sites including 151 SEF schools and AALTP centers of district Dadu.

All the guests and speakers fully participated and apreciated the efforts of the Foundation in creating awareness of this noble cause.



Mr Rafiq Ahmed Jamali Member National Assembly, Ms Sajeela Leghari and Syed Ghulam Shah Jeelani Members of Provincial Assembly, Sindh and Ms Naheed S. Durrani MD SEF seeing the tableau

"Foundation not only focuses on classroom learning but is highly concious to provide protective environment to all children living in this region and this initiative is a small step forward."

Naheed S. Durrani,
MD SEF



Farewell to outgoing Managing Director-SEF



Ms Naheed S. Durrani Managing Director-SEF and Mr Rafiq Mustafa Shaikh Deputy Managing Director with SEF Regional Officers on her Farewell

The Foundation gave a farewell to Ms Naheed S. Durrani, on April 17, 2019. She was promoted and posted as the Chairperson Planning and Development Board, Government of Sindh. Ms Durrani joined the Sindh Education Foundation in 2015, as Managing Director. She possesses exceptional experience of public service on senior and strategic positions in federal and provincial government spanning over three decades. Her work portfolios include Secretary Finance, Secretary Planning, Secretary Education and Secretary Investment in the Government of Sindh.

After joining SEF in 2015, Ms Durrani undertook a major restructuring of the Foundation to streamline SEF programs along with quality fundamentals, enrolment enhancement, digitization of organizational systems and also leveraging public finance along with the opportunities presented by the private sector. The restructuring exercise

brought enhanced passion in SEF's programs, allowing the Foundation to traverse a journey that exposed it to a range of important opportunities that were eventually engaged to deepen the impact of SEF's outreach. Programs such as SEF Middle and High School Program for post primary education, Introducing Smart Teaching and Learning (INSTAL), Teach For Change, Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Programs and Sindh School Education Scholarship Program were launched under her leadership.

As the head of the Foundation, Ms Durrani brought on table compassionate leadership, effective and responsive management, and a culture of organizational dialogue. This has left a positive impact on the organization that is more confident, secure and hopeful for a future where its role will be remembered for its positive contribution to the field of education in the province.

SEF Welcomes New Managing Director

On April 18, 2019 Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, an officer of Pakistan Administrative Services (PAS) joined Foundation as the Managing Director. Mr Kazi comes in with a rich experience having held key positions in various departments of Government of Sindh including School Education & Literacy Department. His recent portfolios involved key initiatives including Karachi Neighborhood Improvement Project, Planning and Development Board-Sindh while he also served as Secretary, Home Department Government of Sindh etc.

The first meeting between new Managing Director and staff was held on April 22, 2019 in which he was briefed about overall projects, initiatives, programs and overall portfolio of the Foundation and its modus operandi. Team further presented their portfolio individually through a comprehensive presentation.



Quality Assurance Framework

Annual Assessment 2018-19



Annual Quality Assurance Test is being carried out in a SAS School in the first phase

The annual cycle of SEF Quality Assurance Test for the year 2018-19 was commenced in the month of February 2019.

To ensure the transparency of the process and considering the magnitude of the task, the activity was outsourced to M/s Sukkur Institute of Business Administration (SIBA) for providing services of exam administration/ invigilation and Electronic Marking.

In order to have a smooth implementation with such a huge number of candidates across the province,

the assessment activity was organized in two phases. The first phase dealt with the students of grades III, IV, V along with IX & X from PPRS, ESSP and SAS. The activity took place from February 25, 2019 and concluded on March 16, 2019. Approximately, 67,625 candidates from 1,319 schools.

In the second phase, approximately 35,205 students of grades VI-VII-VIII appeared in the exam from 412 schools of PPRS, ESSP, SMHS and SAS programs. This phase started from March 25, 2019 and ended on April 6, 2019.



Second phase of Annual Quality Assurance Test is underway in a PPRS School

Monitoring of INSTAL 2018-2019



Mr Nawab Zafar, Deputy Director Monitoring & Evaluation Cell briefing in INSTAL Teacher Training at SMB school, Taiser Town Karachi

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Cell undertook an activity to examine the current status of the INSTAL Scheme during the month of April 2019. The activity mainly aimed at checking the performance and compliance as per approved PC-1 document of the project. The key indicators such as availability of LED, number of Functional Tablets, recommended furniture, and dedicated IT teachers' appointment. In addition, some other indicators aligned with the project were assessed and documented. The data was gathered from 408 schools out of 583 across the regions of Sindh. The findings of monitoring revealed satisfactory performance of the trained teachers, school partners, and head teachers for managing this scheme effectively.

Student Data Validation Activity Phase II

Phase-II of School Data Validation Activity (SDVA) for PPRS, SAS, SMHSP and ESSP commenced through third party firm namely M/s VTT Global. The scope of the activity was to validate and update the profiles of Students, Teachers, Schools and School Operators submitted prior to add/ update the new enrolled/appointed students, teachers and partners in the current session. During the first phase, approximately, 477,000 data set of students was collected from February 2018 to June 2018.



Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, Managing Director, SEF briefing to CEO Mr Rizwan Shaukat of M/s VTT Global

In the second phase, data collection was started in November 2018 and completed in March 2019. In the said phase, the complete data set of 615,000 students was collected from 2,239 Foundation (SEF) Assisted schools. In June 2019, the M&E Cell, respective program and focal person of EMIS reviewed the SDVA Data Set. A meeting was held under the headship of Managing Director SEF, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, on June 28, 2019 with CEO, Mr Rizwan Shaukat of M/s VTT Global to discuss the timeline of the project.

Continuous Professional Development

Every year SEF focuses upon continuous improvement in the quality of teaching and learning in all Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools. A number of trainings were organized in-house and outsourced for teachers, headteachers and school operators. Details of training is given below:

Outsource Training Program



Managing Director SEF Ms Naheed S. Durrani is addressing to the teachers and school operators at orientation session for SAS Teachers organized by Suukur Institute for Business Administration (SIBA).

M/s Sukkur Institute for Business Administration (SIBA) successfully executed second phase of Capacity Building Program for improving English language competency and developing basic ICT skills among primary and elementary teachers working in SEF Assisted School (SAS) Program. Overall 1,169 English teachers and 261 ICT teachers have gone through the training program. The main aim of this training was to equip teachers with fundamentals of English Language and ICT skills. Teachers were expected to practice the knowledge and skills at their respective schools and enable the students to adopt improved practices.

The training consisted on 15 days each, commenced at Khairpur, Sukkur, Larkana and Hyderabad district from December 24, 2018 to February 21, 2019. The other round started from April 08 to 23, 2019 and then during April 23 to May 08, 2019 at Karachi, Thatta, Sanghar, Umerkot and Larkana. The final round of training was started on June 11 to July 01, 2019 in which Dadu, Nausharo Feroze, Mirpur Khas, Shaheed Benazir Abad, Mithi, Badin, Jacobabad and Khairpur Mir's participated in the training.

In addition, for developing teachers' knowledge and skills covering content, pedagogy in the subjects of Science, Mathematics and English, the rigorous

program was executed by M/s SIBA from January 28 to February 11, 2019. It was also consisted on 15 days, in which 48 teachers from 19 schools received training. The training was designed for SEF Assisted Schools (SAS) at Elementary level, located in Badin district.

Another outsourced training program was executed through M/s Beaconhouse School System (BSS) aiming to strengthen the overall quality of schools. Series of capacity building sessions launched for management cadre including head teachers and school partners for Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools and covered all districts of Sindh. Around 1,370 heads and 552 school partners enhanced their skills in leadership, learning organization, academic and administration, team building and performance evaluation of teachers. The training sessions were planned carefully. As head teachers have strong role in management of school therefore, 13 days exclusively dedicated to head teachers and separate 7 days allocated to school partners. In addition, both categories (heads and partners) attended combined sessions for two days.

The first round of training was implemented from December 24, 2018 to February 20, 2019 and second round implemented during April 11, 2019 to May 06, 2019.

In-House Training Program



Mr Roshan Bozdar is explaining the newly introduced updates of INSTAL to teachers and operators

Training Program for INSTAL teachers

In-House Training was conducted by INSTAL team. The training aimed at strengthening teachers' capacity in ICT based teaching learning. Approximately 1,085 teachers from 332 schools at KG and Grade II levels benefited. The core objectives of training session were:

- ❑ To improve understanding of the technology based intervention and ICT setup
- ❑ To improve understanding of the Digital Resource Pack, its features etc.
- ❑ To align with new teaching methods and strategies with ICT
- ❑ To prepare and present the Technology Integrated Mock Lessons

The training was implemented in three rounds and each round was divided into four cycles (5 days for each cycle) covering different regions of the province during April 11, to May 05, 2019.

Accademic Support Visit

Another In-House support to Foundation's schools was provided through Academic Support field visits under Pakistan Reading Program (PRP). The training unit of SEF paid 08 days visit in 16 schools who are partners of PRP. The main aim of the visits was to update about the implementation of PRP, availability of materials and its impact on teachers' and students' reading skills.



Providing academic support through Pakistan Reading Program



Teachers are eagerly engaged in learning process

Visits of Delegations at Foundation



Meeting held between SEF Management and representatives of Department of Education of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

A delegation from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Department of Education paid visit at SEF Head Office on May 03, 2019. The delegate from the Education Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was headed by Mr Arshad Khan, Secretary, Elementary and Secondary School Education Department. The purpose of the visit was to learn about the practices adopted by SEF and particularly to study the working of Adolescent And Adult Learning And Training Program (AALTP) so as to be able to implement it in KPK.

The Managing Director SEF Mr Abdul Kabir Qazi briefed the visitors about SEF while the Acting Director Training and Assessment Ms Shahpara Rizvi shared a presentation of SEF. This was followed by a discussion on teacher retention, assessment and overall quality of education.



Mr Mushtaque Soomro giving briefing to consultants of World Bank and officials of SE&LD, Government of Sindh

On May 30, 2019, Sindh Education Foundation held a meeting with two consultants representing of World Bank and SE& LD officials at SEF Head Office, Karachi. The main agenda of the discussion was to brief about the functions of SEF, challenges and its contribution in development of Sindh Education Sector plan 2019-2023.

TSAs' allocation in AALTP Centers

Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program (AALTP) is one of the programs which is benefiting adolescents and adults in Sindh. It extends accelerated primary education and skill development in the province of Sindh. Foundation provided additional support through allocation of 19 Teaching Support Associates (TSAs) to 28 AALTP centers for 02 months. These TSAs helped the learner to prepare for assessment 2018-2019.

Science Exhibitions



Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Mirpur Khas visiting "Educational Thematic Exhibition" at Sher Muhammad Public School

Science projects were exhibited jointly by SEF Mirpurkhas Region and Public School Mirpurkhas on "Educational Thematic Exhibition" at Sher Muhammad Public School, Mirpurkhas on February 11, 2019. Seven SEF Assisted Schools participated in the exhibition. Dignitaries including Commissioner, Mirpur Khas, Assistant Commissioner and Secretary General Youth, Principal, Public School, Director Pak Green Foundation visited the exhibition and appreciated the efforts of students.

Similarly, students of Mehran Model School, Khairpur Mir's Region, demonstrated the electric power distribution and power generation system connected to grid station in science exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated by Director Region (North), Mr Abdul Jabbar Mari on April 29, 2019. The exhibition consisted on 120 stalls. Various dynamic models including electric boats, grass electric cutter, spinning wheel, electric tube well, universal solar systems, mechanical machine generating electricity and stall to understand three dimensions of mathematical shapes were exhibited.

Another exhibition titled "Annual Arts and Science Exhibition 2019" was arranged by the Azad Public School Bhirya Road, Shaheed Benazirabad Region on April 29, 2019. Students developed 70 science and arts models on electricity production, water cycle, filter plant, airport, air pollution, solar system, circumstances of Thar (Desert) and others.



Mr Abdul Jabbar Mari Director Region (North) during Science Exhibition at Mehran Model School, Khairpur Region



Students displaying models at Annual Arts and Science Exhibition at Azad Public School, Bhirya Road, Shaheed Benzairabad Region

Dissemination of “Guidelines for Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools”



Mr Jabbar Marri giving briefing regarding the Guidelines for Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools

Foundation framed a booklet titled “Guidelines for Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools” in order to standardize the schools and to establish a school environment that is child friendly, clean, hazard free, geared towards student learning, aligned with the local environment and financially viable. All school partners were suggested to implement these guidelines progressively and within the scope of available resources. These guidelines will help partners, identify the required infra-structure and institutional policies that are significant for basic safety and functionality at Foundation (SEF) Assisted schools. This booklet has been distributed and applied to all Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools.

Inspection visit of Senior Management-SEF



Ms Shahpara Rizvi visiting a training center and observing various components of the training conducted by BSS

The SEF directors paid several inspection visits to schools and training venues across Sindh. The purpose of their visits was to observe learning environment, classroom management and implementation of INSTAL project, and result oriented utilization of workbooks provided by the Foundation. They also monitored quality of ongoing training sessions. In this connection Director Regions (North), Abdul Jabbar Marri visited Head Teachers Training conducted by M/s Beaconhouse School System at Sukkur. Whereas, Acting Director, Training & Assessment (T&A), Ms. Shahpara Rizvi visited training centers, Mehran Education Academy and Shah Habib Fellowship School at Bhatt Shah accompanied by Regional Assistant Director Hyderabad.

SEF Cricket Tournament 2019



Ms Naheed S. Durrani Managing Director-SEF, Mr Rafiq Mustafa Shaikh Deputy Managing Director, Mr Nasimudin Mirani Director Human Resource along with SEF Cricket Team on opening day of Tournament.



Winner Team of the One Day SEF Cricket Tournament 2019

Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) organized the "One Day SEF Cricket Tournament 2019" in which employees from its offices participated. The aim of the tournament was promoting healthy sports activities among the regional staff. The match was arranged at Karachi on February 25, 2019. After a tough competition, SEF's Regional Team won the tournament and Mr Feroz Mansoor received the trophy. SEF's senior management also attended the event.



A group of photo of all SEF team members at Nazimabad Eidgah Ground, Karachi.

Picture Gallery



Orientation Session and Signing of Contract with Partners under SEF Middle and High School Program (SMHSP) was held on May 22, 2019



Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, Managing Director SEF chaired an introductory meeting with staff on April 22, 2019.



Team of Aga Khan University-Institute for Education Development (AKU-IED) visited SEF head office on March 06, 2019.



Sports Day 2019 held in Foundation (SEF) Assisted School on April 30, 2019 in Karachi.



Dr Arfana Shah Chairperson of Psychology Dept. University of Sindh conducted one-day workshop on child Psychology with SEF employees at Shaheed Benazirabad.



Ms. Nadia Naviwala an international journalist visited Jordan School, Village Ahmed Khan under Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools on January 09, 2019.



Entry tests being carried out at Public School Gadap, Karachi under the Sindh School Education Scholarship Program (SSESP) Phase-II.



Mobile Library (MBL) activity was performed by the Training Unit, SEF in Hyderabad Region.



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